



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

It was nice to see so many of you at Back to School Night. The [deck from my presentation is available online](#). Thank you all for your support of Bowie High School!

CLUB FAIR - Joining a school club is a great way to meet new friends, have fun, and demonstrate school involvement in those college applications! **Bowie will host a Club Fair in the courtyard during both lunches on Friday, September 5**, so students can learn more about how to get involved. Students interested in starting a new club must first identify a faculty sponsor, and then submit a completed club application to the main office for approval. Have your student take some time to view the [complete list of Bowie's clubs](#) or fill out a [new club application](#) on the Bowie website. If your child wishes to participate in school or district-sponsored clubs or organizations, parental approval is required, so please be sure to complete the [Student Club Participation Consent Form](#) if you haven't already.

GIFTED & TALENTED (GT) REFERRALS - Parents who are interested in referring their child for Gifted and Talented (GT) evaluation/testing for this school year should review the [flyer](#) and follow the instructions provided. Please note that students already identified as GT in Austin ISD do not need to be reassessed each year—their GT identification remains with them throughout their educational career.

ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS - We have a big update from the 2022 Bond for the future of athletics at our school! As you may know, construction is underway on artificial turf and other athletic field improvements at our school. **We expect the fields to be open for campus use in December 2025.**

- The athletic fields are expected to open for community access outside of school hours in March 2026.
- Nelson Field will still be available for games until construction starts in late 2025 and Delco Activity Center will still be available until early 2026.

Go deeper: For the latest information on the projects, including the [schedule](#) for all projects and [FAQs](#), please visit the [Turf and Fields project website](#). You can also submit feedback through the [questions & comments form](#).



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TRAFFIC & SAFETY - Wolftrap Drive is now a school zone. That means the posted speed limit is 20 miles per hour from 7:30 to 9:15 when students are arriving on campus in the morning, 11:00-11:50 and 12:40-1:30 when Seniors have off campus lunch, and 4:00-5:10 during afternoon dismissal. (Please note: Only seniors are allowed off campus during lunch by [board policy](#).) Please slow down and be aware of students in crosswalks who may be walking or have parked at Bethany and are crossing the street to campus.

If you are approaching Slaughter on Wolftrap from the Oak Creek Parke neighborhood, there are two lanes of northbound traffic. One turns left to Bowie at the original crosswalk between Bowie and Bethany and the other is a through lane for traffic continuing north to the stop light. It is critical that parents do not sit in a car on Wolftrap at the end of the day waiting to pick up their student because it blocks one of the lanes of traffic, especially if there is a car trying to turn left onto the campus at that time. Parents are encouraged to use the parent pick up and drop off loop at the front of campus as the safest option for your student to get to and from campus and dismissal traffic is clearing faster than it has in the previous years. Of course there are other options for street parking in the area around campus if you would prefer your child walk to your car at the end of the day.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - Attendance is crucial to student success, and it's key to state funding for our schools. Please review the ["Attendance Matters" slide deck](#) for important information about the compulsory attendance laws in Texas, the 90% rule, how to report an absence (webform or attach and email Bowie@austinisd.org), different types of absences, and some recommendations to set your student up for success.

AISD SAFE SPACE - This year, Austin ISD is launching a new way for students to report safety concerns called Safe Space. Safe Space gives students a way to share important information if they feel unsafe, if someone else needs help, or if something just doesn't seem right. Students may report things like:

- Bullying, harassment, or racism
- Someone threatening to hurt themselves or others



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- Someone is talking about fighting
- If a student suspects there is a weapon on campus
- Unwanted attention
- Mental health or personal struggles
- Gang activity, drug use, or vandalism

Students can share information [online](#) and/or anonymously by going to austinisd.org/safespace to submit a report.

CALENDAR REMINDERS - Austin ISD and Bowie High School will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 1. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 2. I hope that everyone enjoys the long weekend!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal